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that. So, thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Seeing no other lights on, Senator Beutler, you're recognized to close on your amendment to LB 417.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Members of the Legislature, once again, the amendment would leave some of the language in but delete or restore to what is the law today the language on the bottom of page 2 and on page 3. The...I think we all recognize and the discussion today has indicated that this is a very broad brush approach that is being taken. And it seems to me what we all seem to be saying is, yeah, we ought to be a little more careful and a little more specific about how we deal with this because I think we all recognize that a person's financial interests are important. It doesn't...it's not going to surprise anybody that a person's financial interest would have a lot to do with how they might perceive a particular situation. So it is important and there may be, though, situations where it is not important. But I think the burden ought to be on those who propose that we make this change in the law to identify just those things that really matter to them and where they really think that there is an economy to be gained that is not overbalanced by the protection afforded by financial statements. Frankly, I'm concerned about what I'm seeing coming out of the Accountability Commission. I am not seeing laws that are designed to improve the enforcement of the law. I am not seeing suggestions to improve the law. What we're seeing, it seems to me, is a series of suggestions that exempt from the law. For example, in the last bill that was just presented to us, going from 2,000 to \$5,000 in terms of the filing requirements for committees, all kinds of committees, that goes beyond what inflation would have suggested that we do, and represents a matter of philosophy on the commission that is troublesome to me, a philosophy that seems to be eating away at the accountability and disclosure law. And this has been going on for two, three, or four years, and I think that's a matter of concern. And I think this bill represents another little eating away, in a broad-brush kind of way, rather than being specific, that identifies a philosophy on the part of the commission, as much as it identifies a simple managerial choice. Who's on the Liquor Commission, what their backgrounds are, who's on a whole number of commissions, I